

FORMER MER ROUGE MAYOR ARRESTED IN LOUISIANA KILLINGS

Dr. B. M. McKoin Locked
Up in Baltimore on Gov.
Parker's Request.

KLAN ENTERS INQUIRY

DOUBTFUL OF BODIES

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—It was an-
nounced by the Attorney-General's of-
fice this morning that the following

office to-day that Dr. B. M. McKoin, former Mayor of Mer Rouge, had been arrested in Baltimore on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Watt Daniels and T. F. Richardson, whose bodies were taken from Lake La Fourche last week.

The statement also was made that the names of the "several persons" who dynamited the lake and brought the bodies to the surface are known to the Attorney-General's office. But whether these men will be arrested

Reports that additional State troops had been ordered to Mer Rouge parish in connection with the open hearing and to accompany Adjutant-General Toombs to the scene of the outrages were denied by an assistant to the

Attorney-General.
Sheriff Carpenter went to Mer Rouge from Bastrop and was out the greater part of the afternoon with Department of Justice agents. They asserted there was nothing significant to the trip down through Oak Ridge beyond a desire to take other officials to the Eason Ford across Lake La Fourche, where the bodies of Daniels and Richards were recovered.

Officials Confer To-morrow.
Full activities, however, are not expected.

ference in New Orleans Thursday to be attended by Gov., a former Attorney-General, Cocco, St. Clair Adams, special prosecutor assigned with the Attorney-General's office; E. A. Farland of the Department of Justice, and others. At the conference the evidence will be gone into and the program for the hearing to begin in Bastrop January 5 will be mapped out.

Pending this conference, it is believed no further arrests will be made unless

Morehouse Klan No. 34, Realm of Louisiana, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has issued a statement that the organization has offered to assist in every way possible in clearing up the kidnapping.

"Everything possible is being done by the Klan," says the statement, "there would be of assistance to the State and

Doubts Identity of Bodies.

"Capt. J. K. Skipwith, exalted cyclops of Morehouse Klan No. 34, realm Louisiana, tendered to the Attorney-General the assistance and cooperation of 500 Klansmen to be used in any capacity deemed necessary, and assured him that it was the wish of the entire citizenship of the Morehouse, Klan that no stone

"Although it is rumored that the bodies were found in the lake,

bodies of Daniels and Richards have been found, there is, however, no positive evidence that this is true. Two objects were reported to have been found floating near the banks of Lake Le Fourch and it was presumed that the bodies were those of the missing men.

"O. M. Patterson, Coroner of Morehouse parish, was summoned to the

scene, but upon his arrival he was not permitted to hold a Coroner's inquest, being told by a man who stated that he was a member of the board of representatives that the inquest could be held only after the arrival of Attorney-General Cocco, at which time it would be concluded at Mer Rouge. Immediately upon his arrival Attorney-General Cocco was interviewed by Coroner Patterson as to the necessity of holding a Coroner's inquest over the bodies that were supposed to have been found in Lake La Fourche, but was informed by the Attorney-General that such would not be necessary. Attorney-General Patterson then called on Governor MacLeaud for the extradition of Dr. A.

Moynihan, it was announced at the Governor's office at Baton Rouge, will be issued immediately and an officer will be sent to Baltimore at once to bring the doctor back to Louisiana.

KOIN had been located by the Baltimore police chief, who sent a telegram to the Chief of Police at Baltimore ordering the arrest. The Baltimore police chief acted quickly, and the former Mayor was in custody within an hour after the Governor gave notice of his whereabouts.

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of the 'Bad Element.'*

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